

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 31 to emphasize that the second substance is only present as a layer on the inside surface of the pores and apart from that the layer is not present in the pores at all, certainly not filling up the pores as the prior art does. (Responsive specifically to the last sentence of the Office Action before the Conclusion.)

Applicants have amended claim 31 to define that the inner pore structure defines pores with inner surfaces, wherein a second perfluorinated surface-active substance different from the first electrolyte is present on the inner surfaces of the pores solely in the form of a layer at least partially covering the inner surfaces of the pores, wherein the second substance does not fill the pores, and wherein the first electrolyte is contained in the pores with the layer of the second substance being present on the inner surfaces. Applicants contend that this amendment clarifies that it is the inner surface of the pores that is coated with the second electrolyte but the pores themselves are only filled with the first electrolyte. Thus, unlike the cited art, two substances are contained in the pores.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claim is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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